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My Dear Garrison,

I respond heartily to all you say about getting up a reception for G. T. in New York. Phillips, when here, saw Frank W. Ballard, one of the Leaders of the "Young Men's Republican Union" and a special friend of Senator Sumner; and he (Mr. W.) has taken the matter in hand. The "Union" aforesaid has extended an invitation to Mr. T. already, I understand, leaving the day to

he hereafter fixed. In some re-
spects, I confess, I should have
liked it better if the invitation
had gone from a less radical
body, or been engineered by less radi-
cal men. But Mr. Sumner al-
ways comes here, when he comes
to speak, under the auspices of
the "Y. M. R. U.," and the
members have a capital way
of putting things through.

I am sorry to say that the
Cooper Institute is engaged for
all the evenings named in your
letter, and we must take our
choice between appropriating the

meeting for Monday evening, Feb. 29,
and putting it off till the following
week. Could not Mr. L. come
hither Saturday instead of Monday?
I am not at this moment certain
that the Institute has not, within the
last 24 hours, been taken by some other
party for Monday evening, but it
probably has not. When
I go up home, shortly, I will
call and see, and if I can find
it disengaged, I will get the
refusal of it till I can hear
from you. If Thompson can speak
on Monday evening, 29th, you need
not answer; if he cannot, tele-
graph me to that effect to-mor-

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now (Friday).

Pardon me for suggesting to ~~you~~ Mr. T. through you, that I think he ought not ~~to~~ make himself a partizan of Mr. Lincoln, or for any body else, for President for the next four years. I presume he has not meant to do so, but some remarks of his, as reported, are <u>understood</u> to imply that he is for Lincoln against all others. I don't want him to mix in the controversy about candidates, as opinions on that ~~subject~~ among loyal men are greatly divided. I hope he will be careful on this point, whatever may be his private opinions.

Yours, cordially,

Oliver Johnson.